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Crops are generally reported in good to excellent condition, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

Fall cereal crops were reported to be close to 80 per cent in good to excellent condition provincially, with over 90 per cent of the crops at or ahead of normal development for this time of year. Spring cereal crops were close to 80 per cent in good to excellent condition, with over 75 per cent of the crops at or ahead of normal development. Flax and canola crops were reported to be 80 and 79 per cent in good to excellent condition respectively, with over 80 per cent at or ahead of normal development. Over 75 per cent of the pulse crops are reported to be in good to excellent condition, with 75 per cent reported to be at or ahead of normal development.

There was a slight improvement in topsoil moisture conditions on crop land with 37 per cent of crop reporters rating conditions as surplus, compared to 47 per cent for last week.

Pasture conditions have improved with 92 per cent reported to be in good to excellent condition, compared to approximately 85 per cent at the end of May. Availability of livestock water improved from the end of May, with notable improvements in the southeast.

Almost three per cent of the 2006 hay crop has been cut, with less than one-half per cent baled or silaged.

The main sources of crop damage during the past week were flooding and disease, according to crop reporters.

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Saskatchewan Crop Conditions, June 25, 2006

	Winter Wheat	Fall Rye	Spring Wheat	Durum	Oat	Barley	Triticale	
% excellent	32	29	26	33	25	26	11	
% good	55	52	58	58	57	58	86	
% fair	10	16	13	8	14	12	3	
% poor	2	3	3	1	4	4	0	
% very poor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
	Flax	Canola	Mustard	Sun-flower	Lentil	Pea	Canary Seed	Chick-pea
% excellent	23	25	21	34	33	31	27	23
% good	57	54	65	64	55	57	61	56
% fair	18	18	12	2	11	11	11	21
% poor	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	0
% very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

1 Year Ago

Surplus moisture on cropland was reported by 37% if reporters.

Crops were generally in good to excellent condition. Flooding and wind were the main sources of crop damage.

98% of reporters rated pastures in good to excellent condition.

One per cent of the hay had been cut.

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Crop Insurance

South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, &3ase)

The south eastern region had sun, cloud, and rain during the past week. An average of 20 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 7 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 30 mm reported in CD 2b. Damage from flooding was reported in CDs 1b and 2. Pea-sized hail was reported in the Kennedy area. Damage from wind was reported in CDs 1a and 2a. Drought damage was reported in CD 3ase.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 94%; Fall Rye – 87%; Spring Wheat – 92%; Durum – 90%; Oats – 93%; Barley – 93%; Triticale – 95%; Flax – 85%; Canola – 90%; Mustard – 84%; Sunflowers – 98%; Lentils – 85%; Peas – 88%; Canary seed – 92%; and Chickpeas – 95%.

For crop development, south eastern reporters rate 70% of spring cereals at normal development for this time of year; oilseeds – 63% at normal; pulse crops – 71% at normal; and fall cereals – 53% ahead.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly over last week as areas had a chance to dry out. Seventy-nine per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 73% last week. Conditions deteriorated on hay and pasture land with 83% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 92% last week.

Crop damage from flea beetles was reported in the Rocanville, Tantallon, and Fillmore areas. Leaf diseases, including tan spot, were reported in CDs 1, 2b and 3ase. Ascochyta blight was reported in the Marquis area in CD 2b. Gopher damage was reported in CD 1b. Other concerns included heavy weed infestations, yellowing of crops, and ruts in wet fields.

Pasture conditions have improved, with 91% of reporters giving good to excellent ratings compared with 81% at the end of May. Availability of livestock water is similar to late May, with 95% reporting adequate supplies. Inadequate supplies are reported in CD 3ase.

Some haying has started, with 3% cut and ½% baled or silaged. Quality is expected to be good to excellent.

Showers and wind interrupted spraying last week. Fungicide is being sprayed for leaf diseases in the Weyburn and Moosomin areas.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, &4)

The south western region was generally warm with some showers during the past week. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 28 mm reported in CD 3bn. Frost damage was reported in most areas across the region. Damage from flooding was reported in CDs 3an and 3bn, while hail and drought damage were reported in CDs 3bs and 4a.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 71%; Fall Rye – 67%; Spring Wheat – 93%; Durum – 92%; Oats – 90%; Barley – 93%; Triticale – 98%; Flax – 88%; Canola – 81%; Mustard – 85%; Sunflowers – 100%; Lentils – 90%; Peas – 93%; Canary seed – 91%; and Chickpeas – 83%.

For crop development, south western reporters rate 77% of spring cereals at normal development for this time of year; oilseeds – 81% at normal; pulse crops – 84% at normal; and fall cereals – 67% at normal development. Some spring wheat, durum, and barley crops are hading out in the Hazlet area. Cereals are in the jointed stage in the Burstall area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved over last week as areas had a chance to dry out. Eighty-nine per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 83% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 83% last week. The Shaunavon area is still dry and crops re just holding their own.

Crop damage from flea beetles was reported in CD 4a. Disease reported included ascochyta blight (CDs 3asw, 3bn) and leaf diseases (CD 3asw, 3an, 3b). Gophers caused crop loss in CDs 3asw, 3b and 4a. Other concerns included yellowing of crops.

Pasture conditions improved, with 75% of reporters giving good to excellent ratings compared with 54% at the end of May. Availability of livestock water has also improved with 100% of reporters rating availability as adequate compared to 94% rating adequate at the end of May.

Some haying has started in the southwest, with 2% cut. Quality is expected to be good. Fall rye was put up for green feed or silage in the Maple Creek area.

Fungicides were applied in the Lisieux, Bengough, and Swift Current areas. Herbicide spraying is behind due to inclement weather. Some that were spraying made ruts and got stuck.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was wet during the past week. An average of 26 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 24 mm reported in CD 5a, to an average high of 30 mm reported in CD 6a. Damage from flooding was reported across the region as was localized hail damage.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 94%; Fall Rye – 97%; Spring Wheat – 80%; Durum – 90%; Oats – 76%; Barley – 83%; Triticale – 92%; Flax – 75%; Canola – 81%; Mustard – 90%; Sunflowers – 100%; Lentils – 86%; Peas – 84%; Canary seed – 84%; and Chickpeas – 88%.

For crop development, east central reporters rate 56% of spring cereals at normal development for this time of year; oilseeds – 71% at normal; pulse crops – 66% at normal; and fall cereals – 58% at normal development.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved over last week as areas had a chance to dry out. Eighty-one per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared with 91% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 48% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared with 59% last week.

Crop damage from flea beetles was reported in CD 5. Damage from cereal leaf diseases were reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Ascochyta blight and gophers damaged crops in CD 6a. Other concerns include yellowing of crops, stunted crops, and drown-out. Some fields in the Kelvington area have been plowed down because the seed rotted.

Pasture conditions have improved, with 100% of reporters giving good to excellent ratings compared with 95% at the end of May. Availability of livestock water continues to be reported as 100% adequate.

Some haying has started in the region, with 1% cut and some baled and/or silaged. Quality is expected to be good to excellent.

There is heavy weed pressure in crops as spraying progress has been slow because of poor weather conditions. Custom sprayers in the Humboldt area are booked for two weeks. Roads in the region are suffering from excessive soil moisture.

Some farmers will be seeding for grazing or silage. Estimates of unseeded area include 10 to 15% in the Preeceville area and 8 to 10% in the Humboldt area.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was wet during the past week. An average of 29 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 19 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 38 mm reported in CD 6b. Damage from flooding was reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in localized areas in CD 6b.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 86%; Fall Rye – 90%; Spring Wheat – 94%; Durum – 92%; Oats – 98%; Barley – 95%; Triticale – 96%; Flax – 91%; Canola – 94%; Mustard – 88%; Sunflowers – 87%; Lentils – 90%; Peas – 93%; Canary seed – 95%; and Chickpeas – 89%.

For crop development, west central reporters rate 77% of spring cereals at normal development for this time of year; oilseeds – 86% at normal; pulse crops – 82% at normal; and fall cereals – 78% at normal development.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land remained the same as last week with 63% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as adequate. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 90% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as adequate, compared with 83% last week.

Leaf diseases were reported across the region. Ascochyta blight was reported in the Eston area. Damage from gophers was reported in the Kerrobert area. Some crop are yellowing.

Pasture conditions are the same as the end of May, with 100% of reporters giving good to excellent ratings. Availability of livestock water is also the same as the end of May with 100% of reporters indicating the supplies are adequate.

Haying is getting underway in the west central area with 63% cut and 1% baled or silaged. Quality is expected to be good to excellent.

Weeds are getting ahead of the crops in some locations as farmers try to complete spraying around poor weather conditions. Roads are soft and it is hard to get to grain bins with big trucks.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The north eastern region had cool, wet weather during the past week that warmed up near the end of the week. An average of 19 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 11 mm reported in CD 8a, to an average high of 25 mm reported in CD 8b. Damage from flooding was reported across the region. Hail damage was reported in the Arborfield, Tisdale, Lake Lenore, and Hoey areas. Damage was expected to be severe in some areas. Some wind damage was reported in the Prince Albert area. The east side of St. James Lake got up to 225 mm and some quarters of land are 80 % submerged. Substantial crop damage is expected.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Winter Wheat – 90%; Fall Rye – 79%; Spring Wheat – 50%; Durum – 77%; Oats – 53%; Barley – 56%; Flax – 52%; Canola – 52%; Mustard – 51%; Lentils – 52%; Peas – 59%; and Canary seed – 68%.

For crop development, north east reporters rate 50% of spring cereals at normal development for this time of year; oilseeds – 60% at normal; pulse crops – 58% at normal; and fall cereals – 83% at normal development.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved slightly over last week as some areas dried a bit. Eighty-six per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared with 96% last week. Conditions also improved slightly on hay and pasture land with 65% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared with 80% last week.

Leaf diseases were reported in the Lake Lenore and Humboldt areas. Other concerns include yellowing crops and strong weed populations. Bugs were reported in the clover in the Arborfield area.

Pasture conditions are similar to the end of May, with 100% of reporters giving good to excellent ratings. Availability of livestock water is also the same, with 100% of reporters indicating adequate supplies of water for stock.

Some haying has started in the northeast, with 4% cut. Quality is expected to be good to excellent.

Spraying operations are difficult and are creating ruts in the fields. Some farmers are using aerial application.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The north western region generally had cool, wet weather during the past week. An average of 16 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 15 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 18 mm reported in CD 9aw. Flooding damage was reported across the region. Wind damage was reported in the North Battleford area.

Crop reporters rated crops in good to excellent condition at the following percentages: Fall Rye – 91%; Spring Wheat – 96%; Durum – 100%; Oats – 95%; Barley – 92%; Triticale – 91%; Flax – 100%; Canola – 89%; Mustard – 100%; Lentils – 100%; Peas – 98%; and Canary seed – 100%.

For crop development, north western reporters rate 76% of spring cereals at normal development for this time of year; oilseeds – 72% at normal; pulse crops – 80% at normal; and fall cereals – 69 % behind at normal development. Cereals are in the tillering stage in the Lashburn area when they are expected to be in the shotblade stage.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved with 9320 of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared to 40% last week. Conditions improved slightly on hay and pasture land with 12% of reporters rating topsoil moisture conditions as surplus, compared with 17% last week.

Crop damage from gophers was reported in the North Battleford and the Turtlleford areas. Leaf diseases are showing up in the Turtleford area and fungicide applications are starting. Patches of crops are yellowing but are expected to improve with the heat.

Pasture conditions have improved, with 100% of reporters giving good to excellent ratings compared with 97% at the end of May. Availability of livestock water remained the same, with all reporters indicating there were adequate supplies.

Some haying has started in the northwest, with 2% cut. Quality is generally expected to be good.

Spraying is behind due to showers.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(In millimeters)

for the week ending June 24, 2006

Crop Dist.	Municipality No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	3	144
	2	Mount Pleasant	8	152
	3 B	Enniskillen	10	150
	32	Reciprocity	6	113
	33 A	Moose Creek	13	141
	34	Browning	10	204
	63 A	Moose Mountain	10	187
	64	Brock	18	190
	65	Tecumseh	27	191
1B	91	Maryfield	11	127
	93	Wawken	11	184
	95	Golden West	18	209
	121	Moosomin	32	188
	122	Martin	32	201
	123	Silverwood	19	230
	124	Kingsley	23	182
	125	Chester	22	164
	151 A	Rocanville	16	244
	151 B	Rocanville	25	304
	153	Willowdale	8	186
	154	Elcapo	40	186
	155	Wolseley	25	221
2A	36	Cymri	17	230
	66	Griffin	20	182
	67	Weyburn	14	186
	68	Brokenshell	14	200
	69	Norton	5	188
	96	Fillmore	18	194
	97	Wellington	34	190
2B	126	Montmartre	32	176
	127	Francis	56	199
	129	Bratt's Lake	30	170
	131	Baildon	30	184
	156 A	Indian Head	32	218
	156 B	Indian Head	39	224
	157	South Qu'appelle	25	202
	158	Edenwold	17	183
	160	Pense	30	183
	191	Marquis	12	196
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	2	178
	9	Surprise Valley	11	192
	38 A	Laurier	14	192
	38 B	Laurier	7	150
	39 B	The Gap	3	162
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	11	123
	12	Poplar Valley	11	132
	42	Willow Bunch	10	148
	43 A	Old Post	5	126
	43 B	Old Post	10	138
	44	Waverley	6	200
	70	Key West	4	153
	71 A	Excel	8	183
	71 C	Excel	11	240
	73 A	Stonehenge	8	188
	73 B	Stonehenge	17	208
3AN	101 B	Terrell	14	166
	102	Lake Johnston	14	175
	103	Sutton	5	211
	132	Hillsborough	14	212
	134	Shamrock	8	223
	193	Eyebrow	28	257
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	14	137
	45	Mankota	20	183
	46	Glen Mcpherson	6	157
	75 A	Pinto Creek	8	181
	75 B	Pinto Creek	4	188
	76 A	Auvergne	8	116
	76 B	Auvergne	18	148
	77	Wise Creek	6	78
	78 A	Grassy Creek	16	121
	78 B	Grassy Creek	8	84
	105	Glenbain	12	330
	106	Whiska Creek	12	159
	107	Lac Pelletier	38	125
	108	Bone Creek	18	124
3BN	135	Lawtonia	26	222
	136	Coulee	38	175
	138	Webb	33	159
	166	Excelsior	38	174
	167	Sask. Landing	31	160
	225	Canaan	37	164
	226	Victory	23	165
	228 A	Lacadena	31	144
	228 B	Lacadena	22	176
	257	Monet	NIL	105
4A	19	Frontier	6	126
	49 A	White Valley	10	97
	51	Reno	8	108
	79	Arlington	13	88
	109	Carmichael	23	126
	110	Piapot	23	129
	111 A	Maple Creek	20	106
	111 B	Maple Creek	21	120
4B	139	Gull Lake	10	116
	141	Big Stick	23	130
	169	Pittville	17	80
	231	Happyland	14	161
	232	Deer Forks	30	151
5A	152	Spy Hill	14	249
	183	Fertile Belt	27	217
	185	Mcleod	21	193
	186	Abernethy	32	209
	187	North Qu'appelle	16	193
	211	Churchbridge	10	214
	213	Saltcoats	15	163
	216	Tullymet	33	244
	217 B	Lipton	18	195
	241	Calder	7	164
	243	Wallace	8	184
	245 B	Garry	23	222
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	36	206
	247	Kellross	45	286
	248	Touchwood	40	186
5B	271	Cote	16	172
	273	Sliding Hills	13	122
	275 A	Insinger	30	318
	275 B	Insinger	26	223
	276	Foam Lake	24	257
	277	Emerald	49	238
	304	Buchanan	10	215
	307	Elfros	13	230
	308	Big Quill	36	166
	335	Hazel Dell	15	234
	336	Sasman	23	235
	337	Lakeview	21	240
	338	Lakeside	33	233
	366 A	Kelvington	13	177
	366 B	Kelvington	11	188
	367	Ponass Lake	58	291
	367 B	Ponass Lake	48	112
6A	189	Lumsden	30	230
	190 B	Dufferin	29	222
	190 C	Dufferin	21	195
	219 C	Longlaketon	29	165
	220	Mckillop	19	224
	221	Sarnia	29	229
	222	Craik	39	272
	251	Big Arm	15	175
	252	Arm River	54	199
	279 B	Mount Hope	20	195
	282	Mccraney	25	172
	309	Prairie Rose	14	211
	312	Morris	31	204
	313	Lost River	27	175
	339 A	Leroy	37	181
	339 B	Leroy	25	228
	340 A	Wolverine	32	242
	340 B	Wolverine	40	259
	343	Blucher	51	222
6B	254	Loreburn	40	174
	283	Rosedale	35	159
	284	Rudy	49	196
	285	Fertile Valley	49	199
	314 B	Dundurn	60	191
	344	Corman Park	27	124
	345	Vanscoy	43	159
	346	Perdue	42	203
	376 B	Eagle Creek	19	140
	404	Laird	15	176
7A	259	Snipe Lake	21	111
	287	St. Andrews	19	100
	288	Pleasant Valley	25	121
	292	Milton	39	179
	317 B	Marriott	25	180
	317 C	Marriott	33	145
	318 A	Mountain View	35	171
	318 B	Mountain View	43	186
	321	Prairiedale	55	223
	322	Antelope Park	30	147
7B	347 A	Biggar	25	139
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	137
	350 B	Mariposa	18	163
	351	Progress	25	153
	352	Heart's Hill	30	160
	377	Glenside	19	150
	378 A	Rosemount	27	129
	379	Reford	17	121
	380 A	Tramping Lake	NIL	97
	381	Grass Lake	13	149
	382	Eye Hill	26	182
	409	Buffalo	11	118
	411	Senlac	31	215
8A	398	Pleasantdale	10	217
	428	Star City	11	191
	456	Arborfield	4	171
	457 A	Connaught	39	294
	457 B	Connaught	14	181
	458	Willow Creek	2	182
	486	Moose Range	4	131
	487	Nipawin	2	179
8B	369	St. Peter	73	299
	370	Humboldt	18	211
	371	Bayne	18	192
	373	Aberdeen	35	167
	399	Lake Lenore	16	201
	400	Three Lakes	12	153
	402	Fish Creek	15	168
	429 B	Flett's Springs	7	170
	430	Invergordon	8	205
	431	St. Louis	63	204
	459	Kinistino	11	157
9AE	461	Prince Albert	14	158
	520	Paddockwood	24	201
9AW	405	Great Bend	22	138
	406	Mayfield	16	160
	435	Redberry	21	174
	436	Douglas	17	174
	436 B	Douglas	13	89
	466	Meeting Lake	15	150
	467	Round Hill	15	160
	493	Shellbrook	8	160
	494	Canwood	6	227
	496	Spiritwood	28	175
	555	Big River	36	194
9B	438 A	Battle River	17	116
	438 B	Battle River	21	138
	440	Hillsdale	17	89
	472	Wilton	25	141
	498 A	Parkdale	13	85
	498 B	Parkdale	20	98
	499	Mervin	16	137
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	15	108
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	21	112
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	8	143
	502	Britannia	27	155
	561	Loon Lake	7	108
	588 A	Meadow Lake	12	111
	588 C	Meadow Lake	5	93
	588 D	Meadow Lake	NIL	88

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Crop Districts
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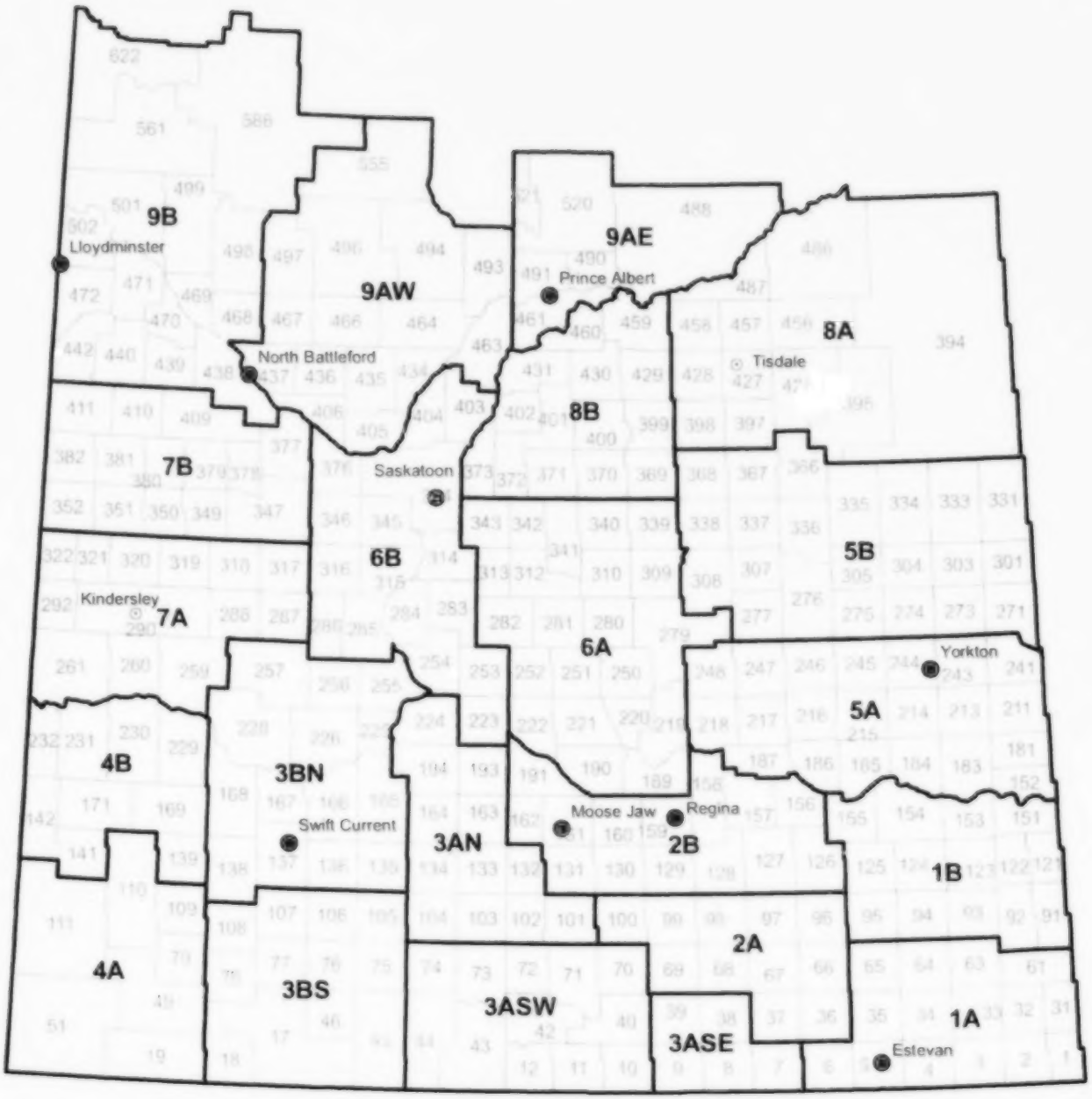
Rural Municipalities



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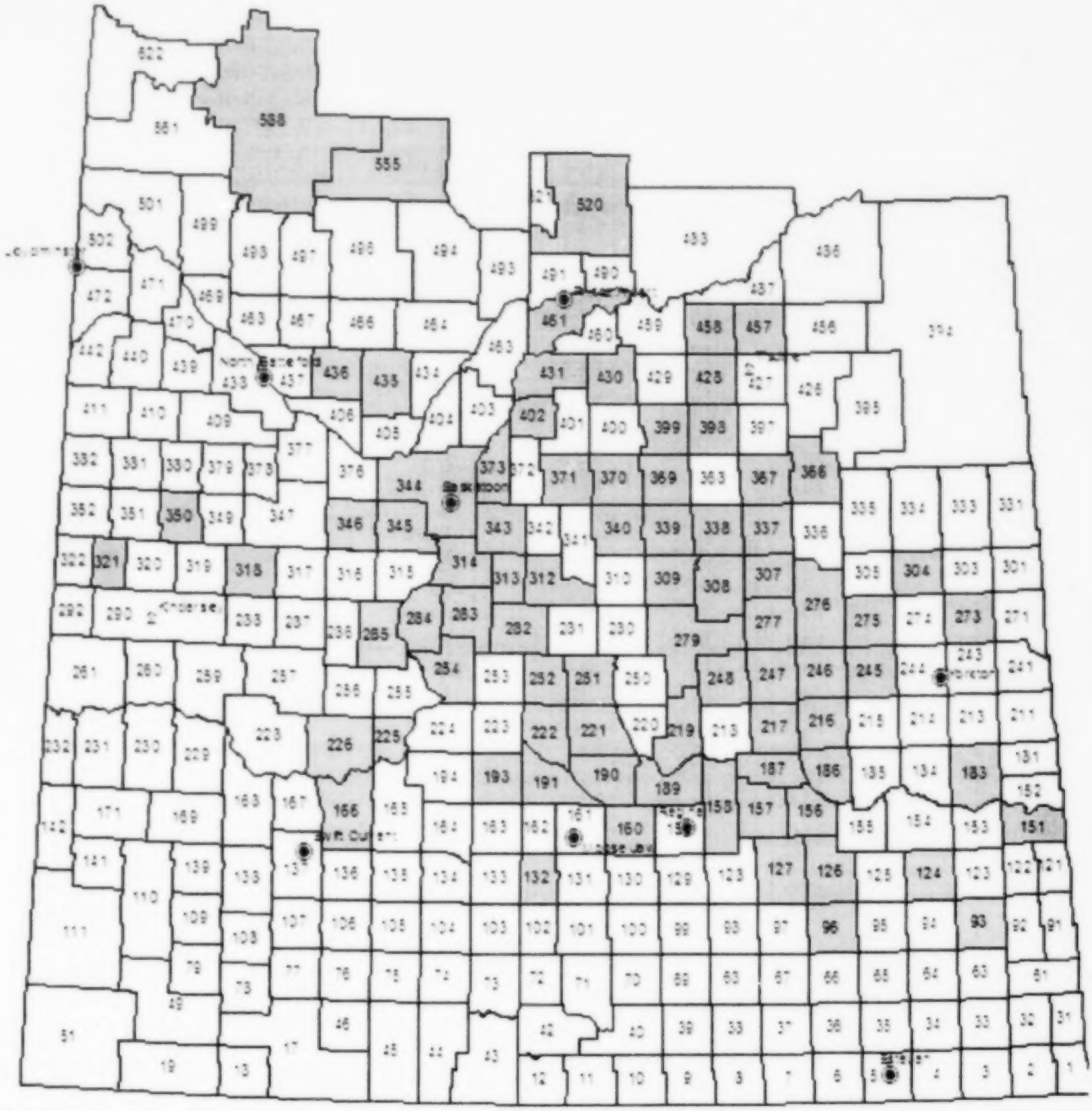

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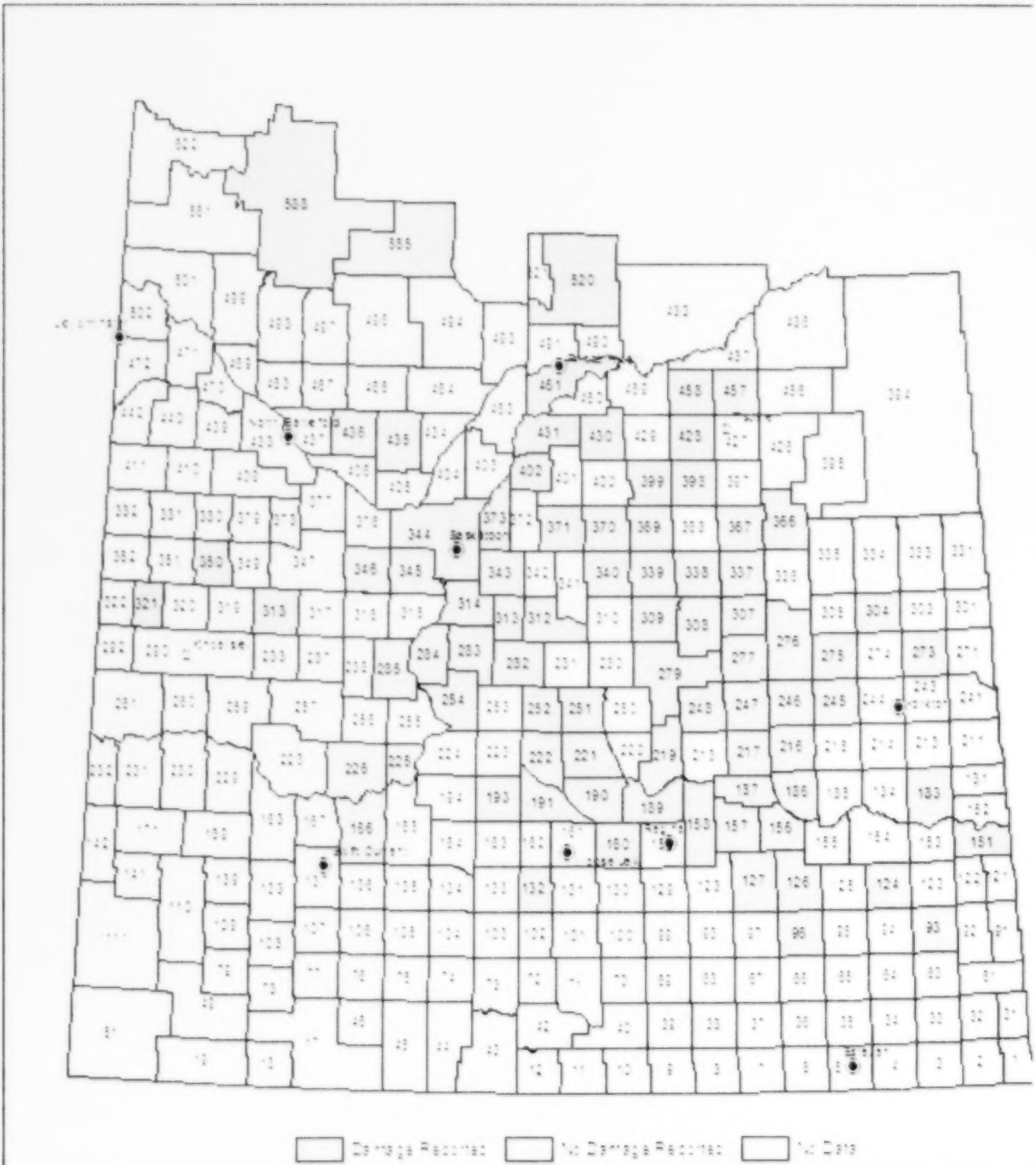

Availability of Livestock Water

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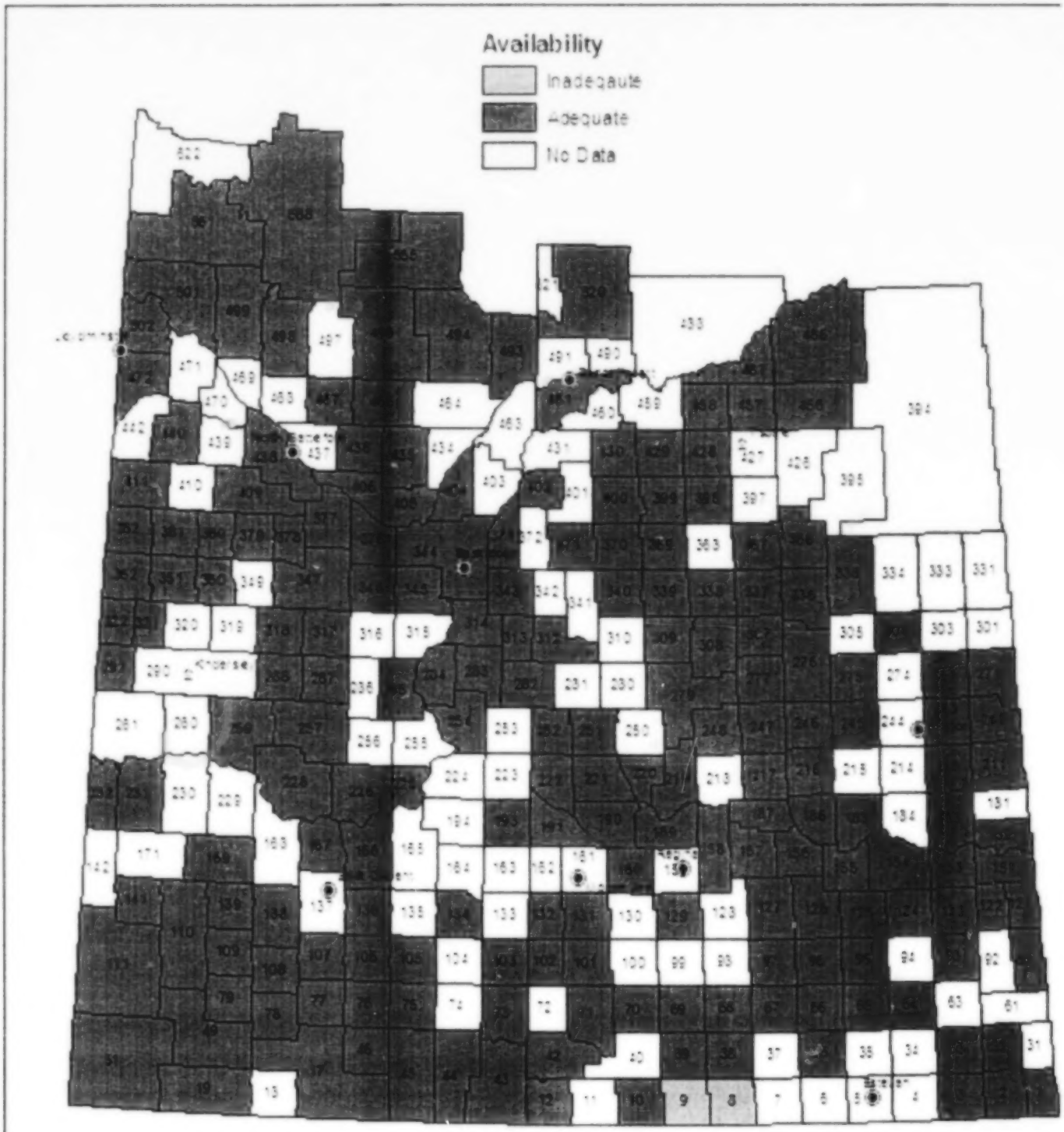

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Pasture Conditions

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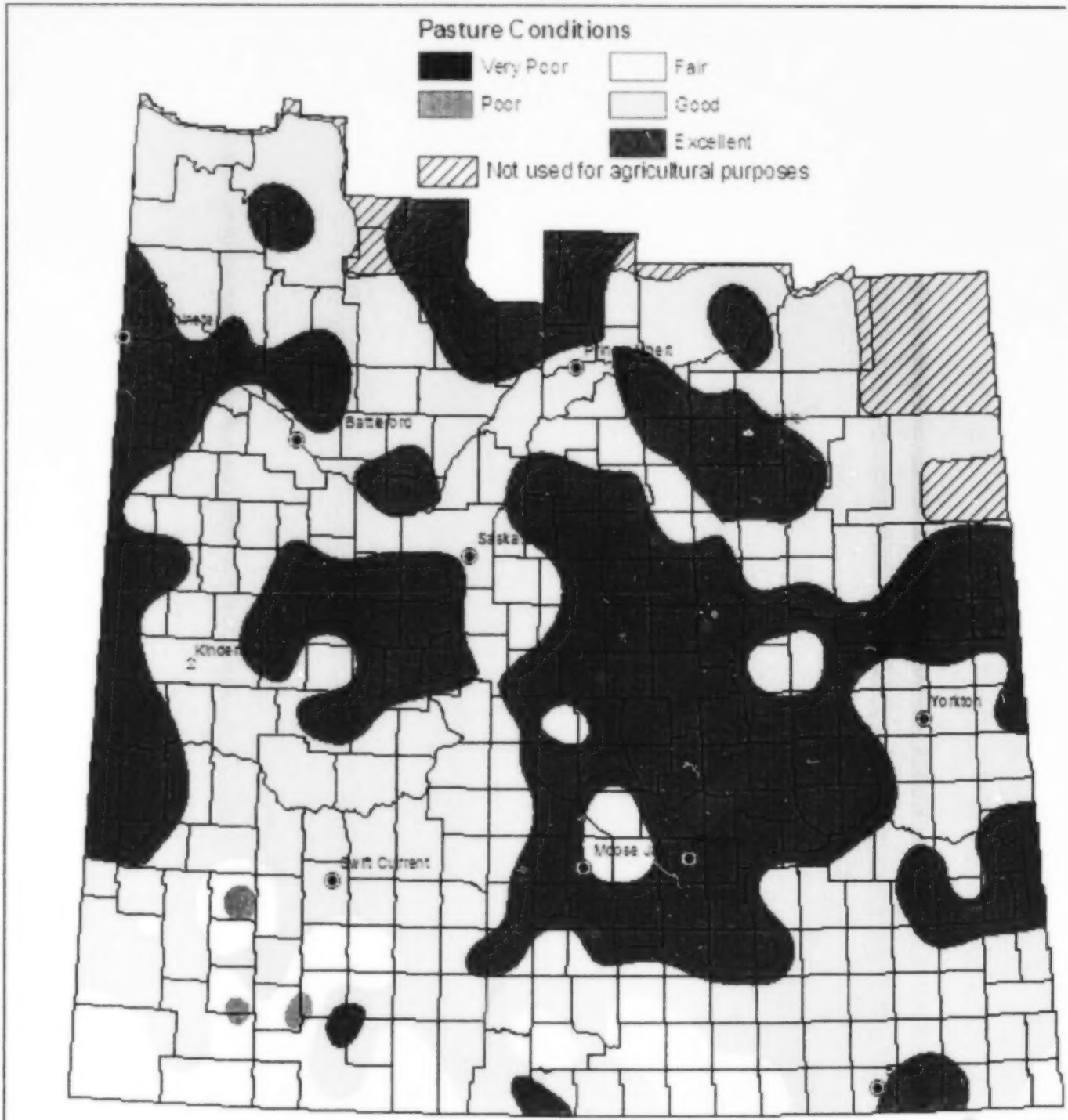

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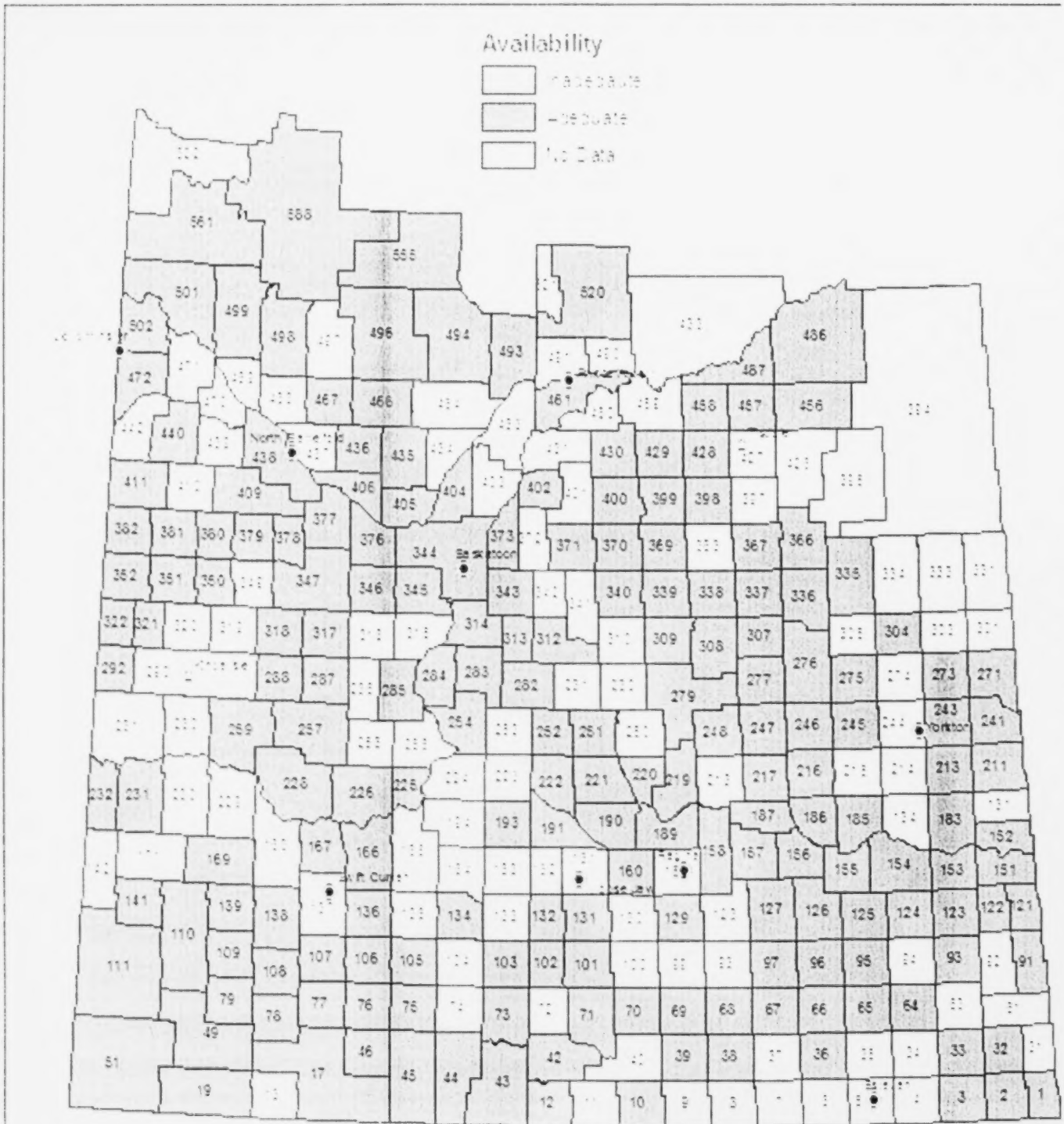

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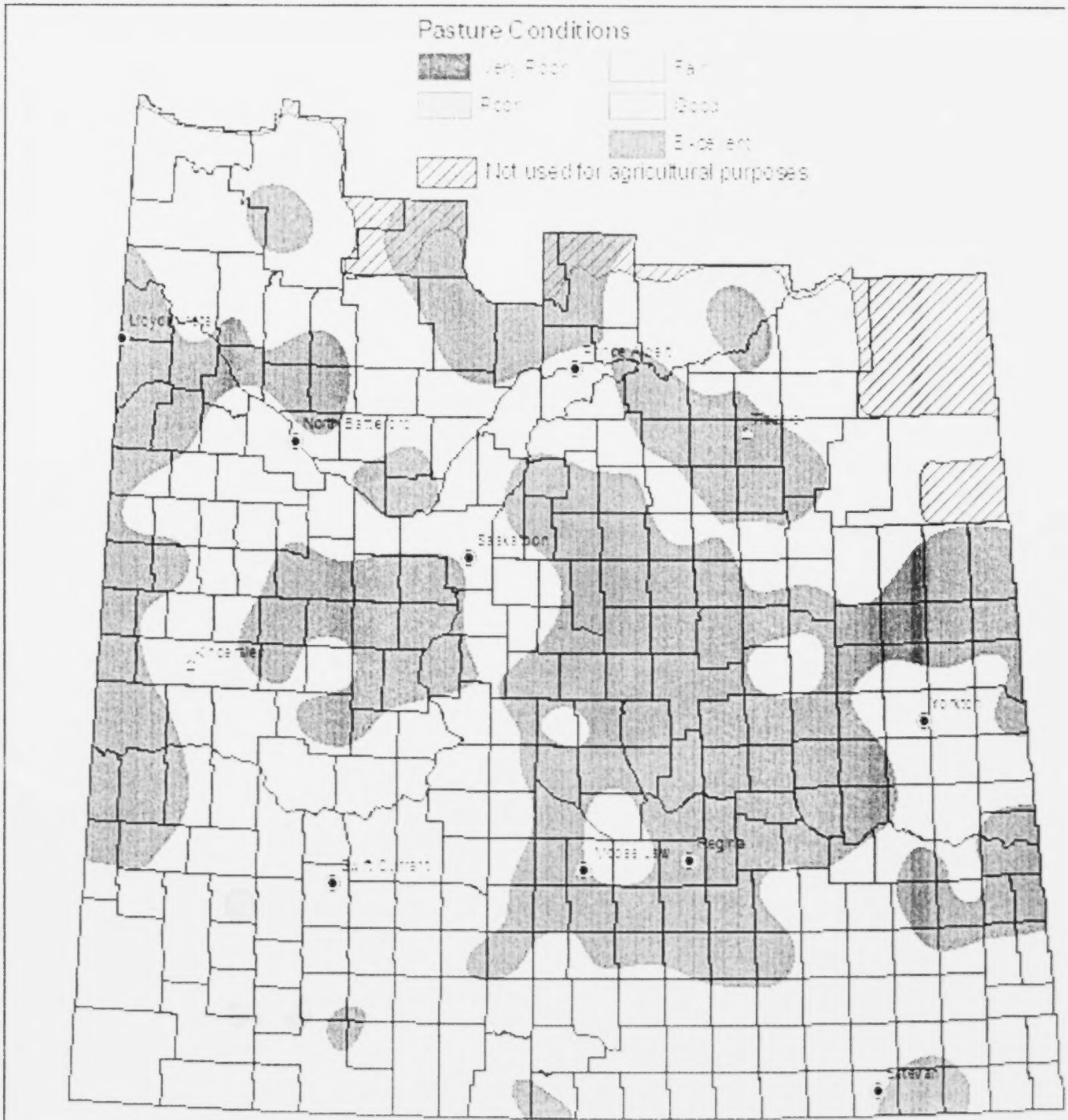

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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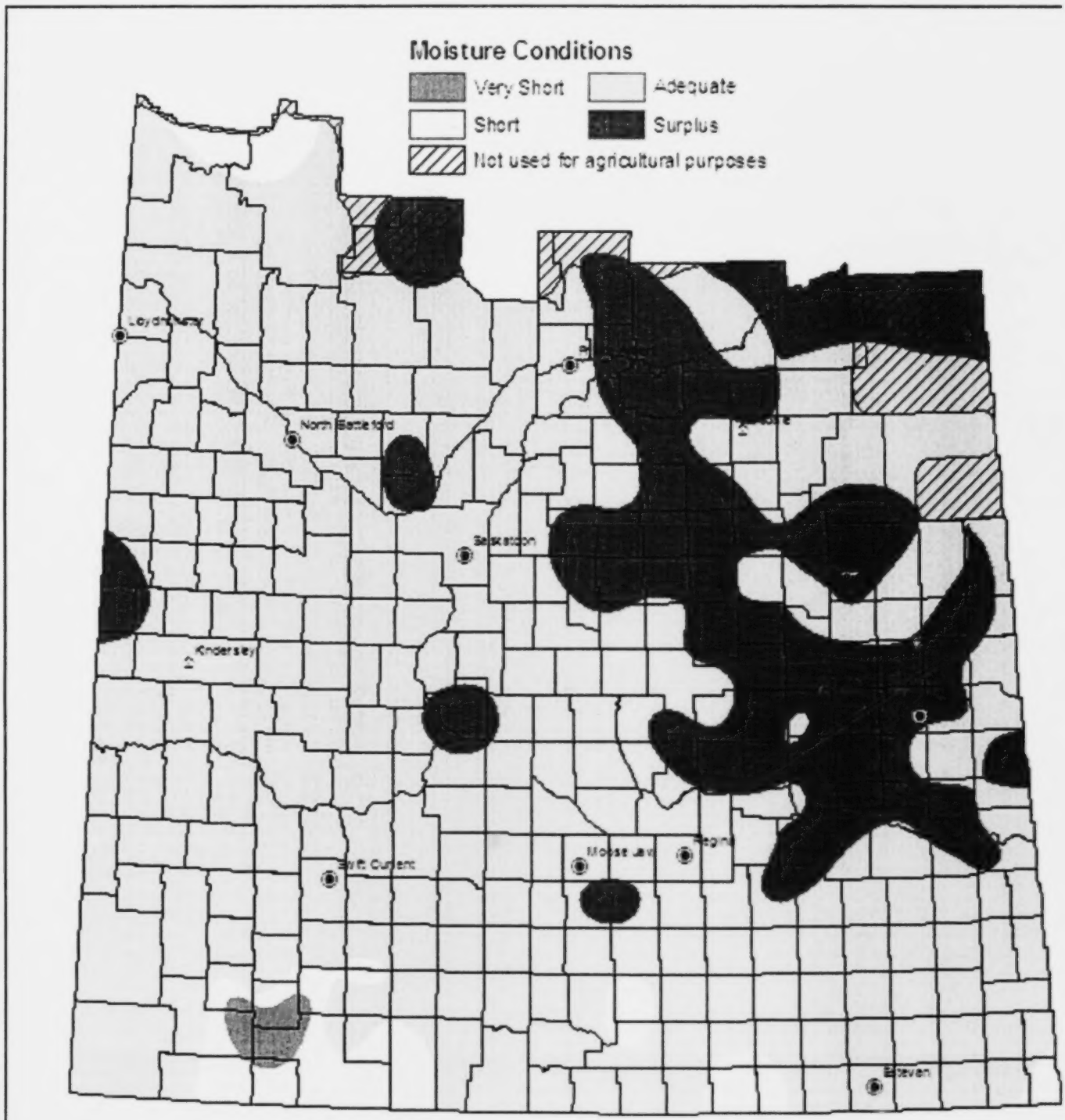

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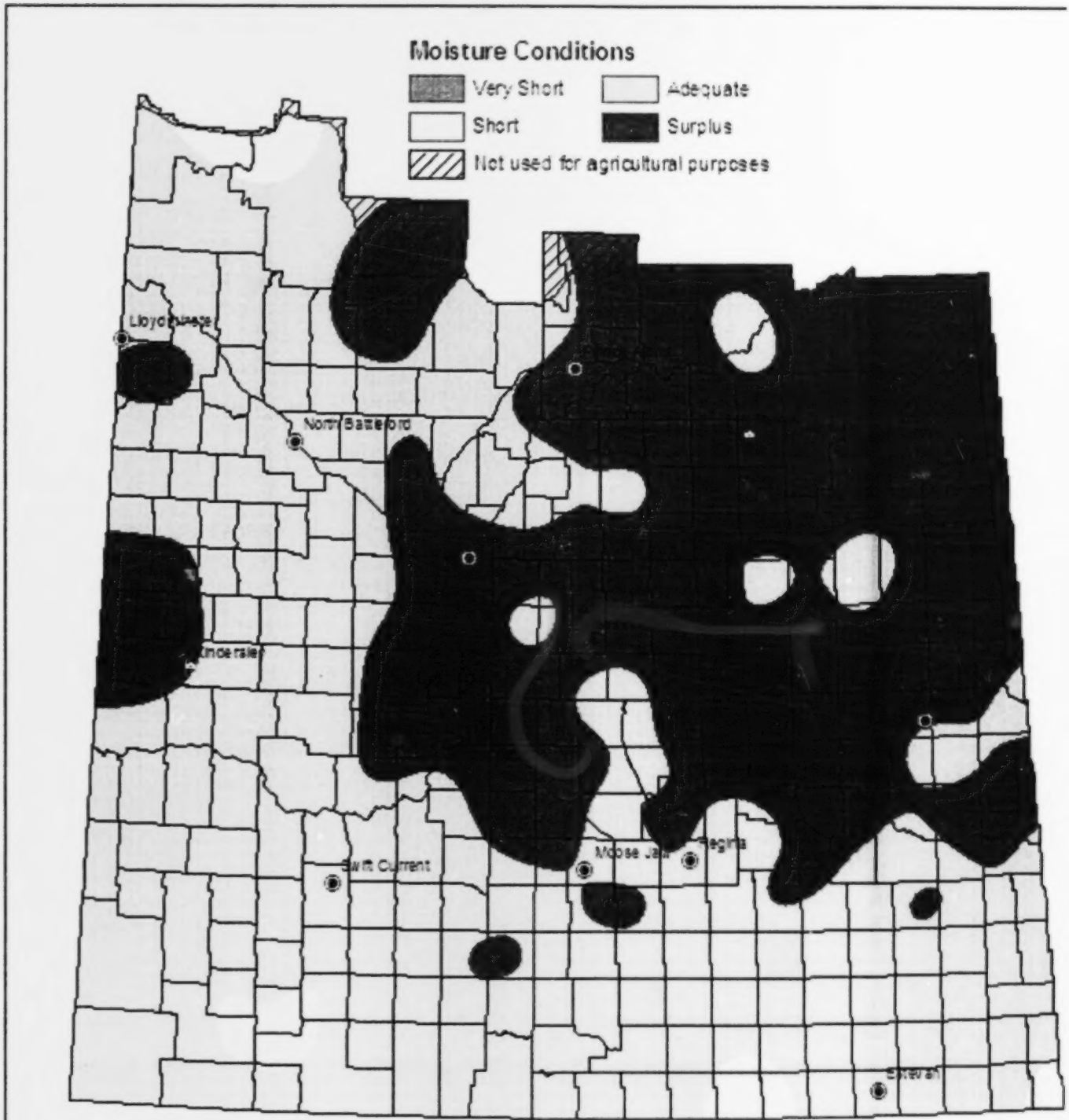

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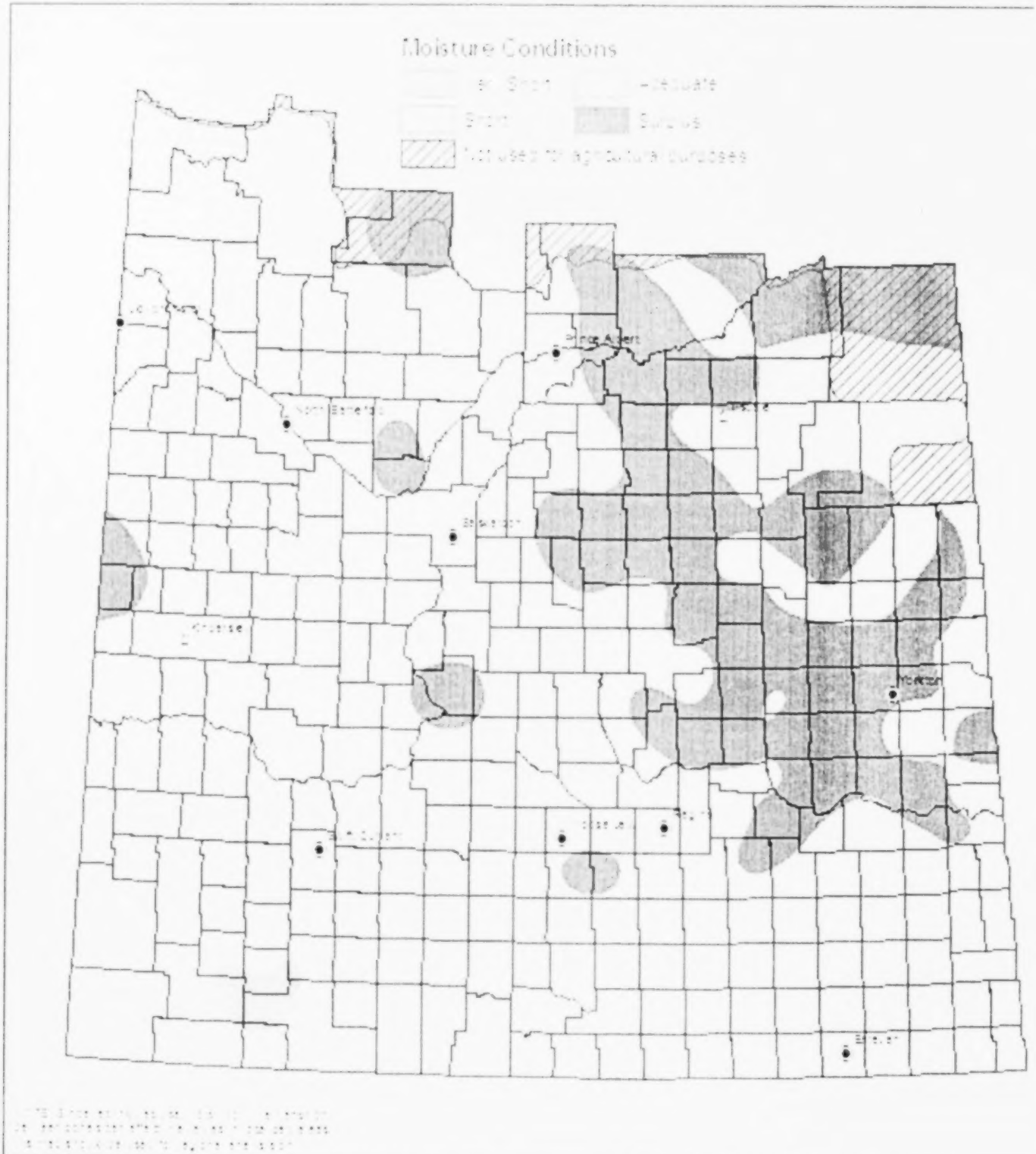

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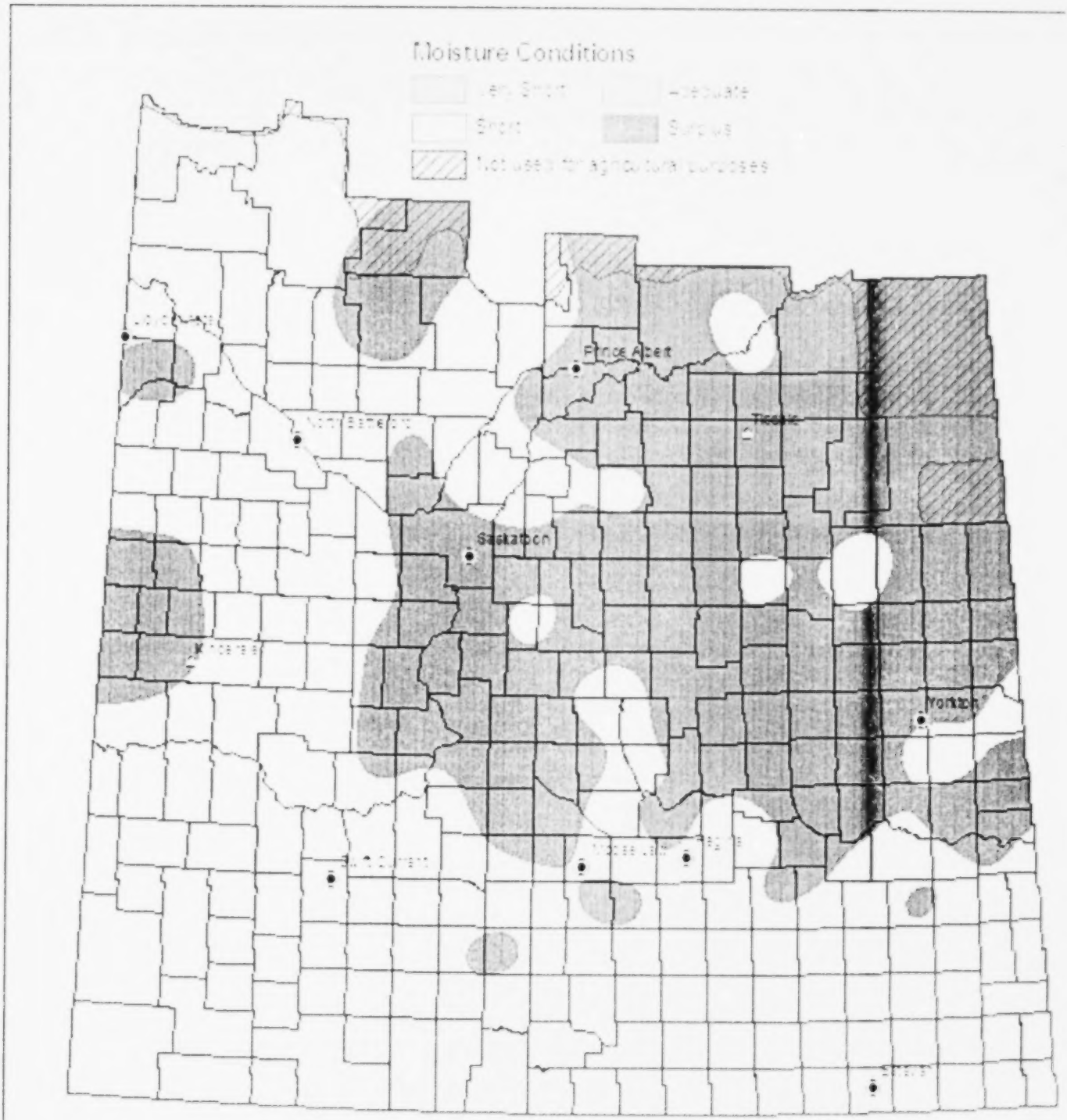

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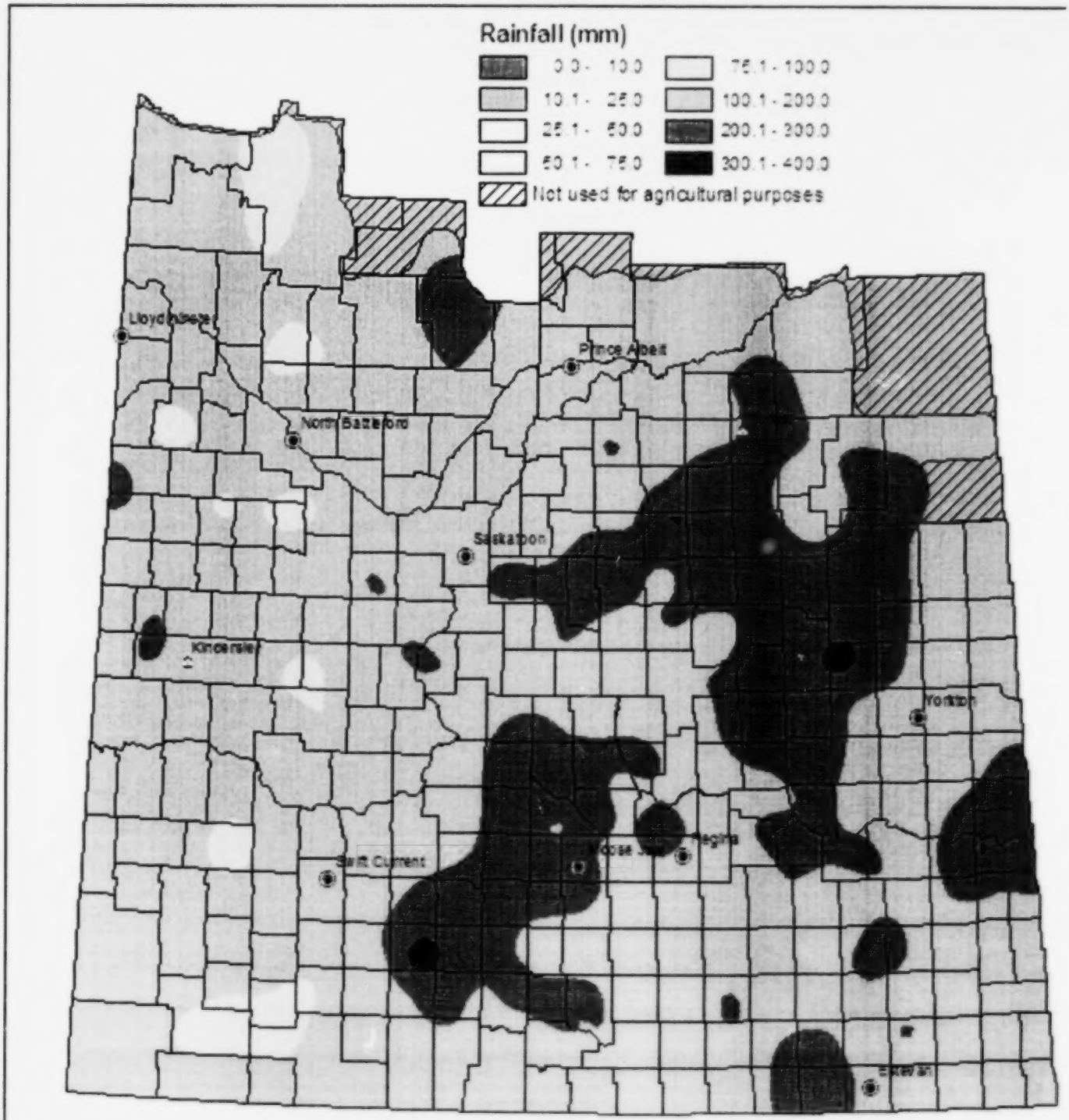

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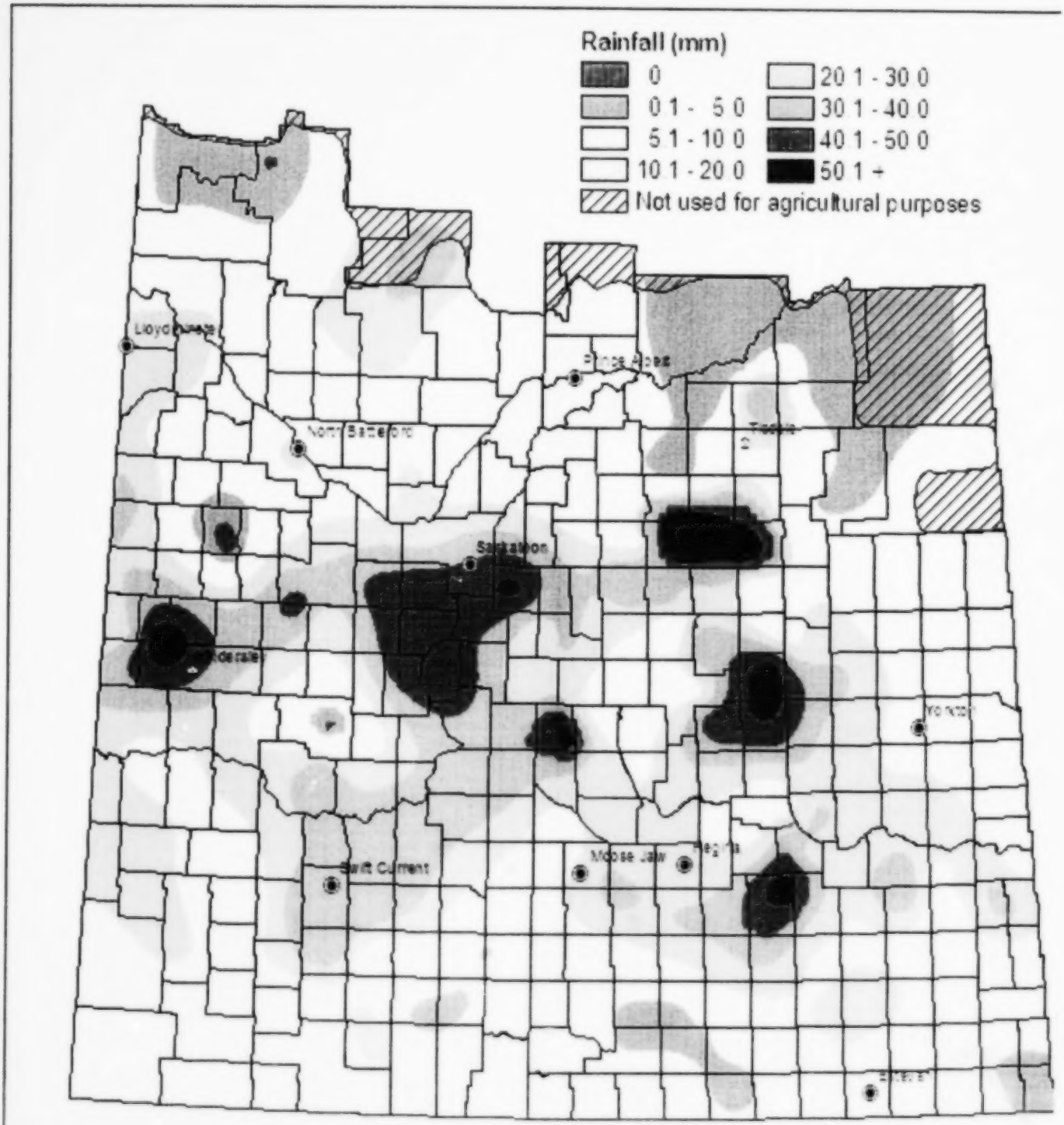

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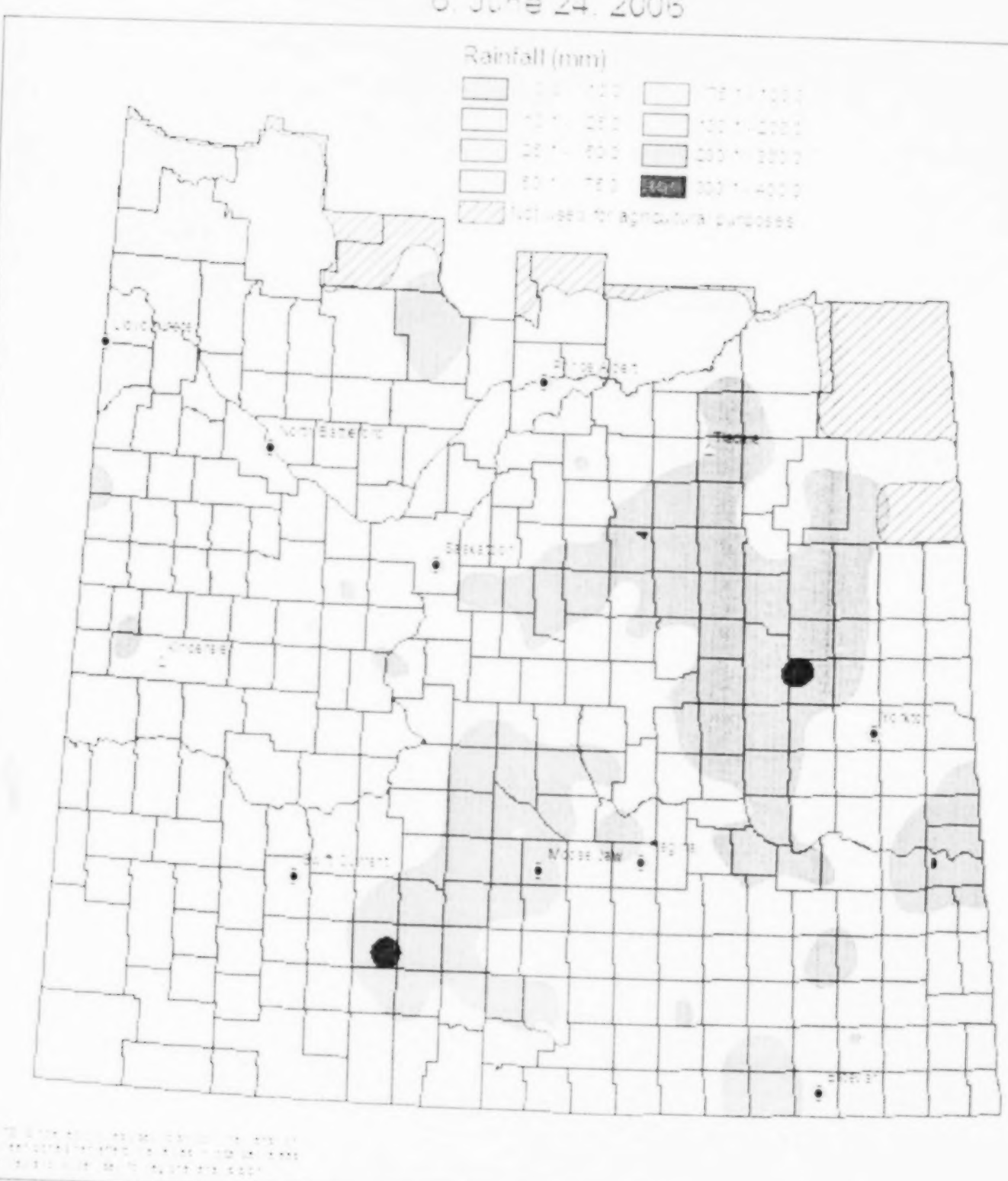

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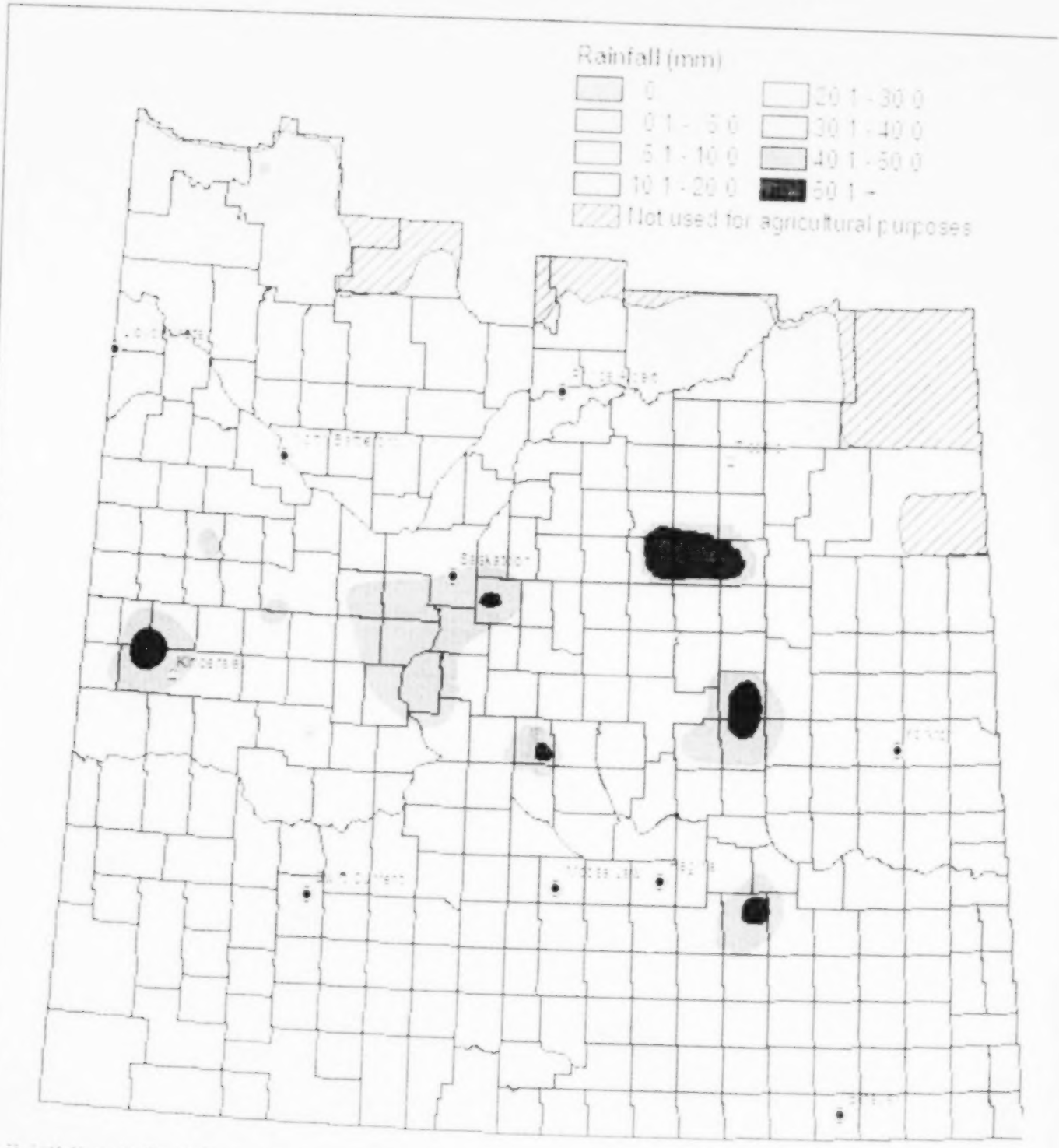

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